

Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 5/8 (as previously amended), before the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS," insert the following paragraphs:

Figure 6A is a schematic side view of a folding device of the present invention and shows a tubular section in a flat, unopened position on the device.

Figure 6B is another schematic side view of the folding device shown in Figure 6A and shows the tubular section in an opened position.

Figure 7 is a schematic plan view of a glue application head and associated valves in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 8 is a schematic plan view of a glued and folded bag bottom formed in accordance with the present invention.

At specification page 7/8 (as previously amended), before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention being thus described," insert the following paragraphs:

Figure 6A is a schematic side view of a folding device 30 of the present invention and shows a tubular section 40 in a flat, unopened position on the device. Figure 6B is another schematic side view of the folding device 30 shown in Figure 6A and shows the tubular section 40 in an opened position. The folding device 30

has a roll 31, a disk 32, a guide 33, a connecting rod 34, a crank 35, and a plurality of suction units 36.

Figure 7 is a schematic plan view of the above-described glue application head 1 and the associated valves 3 in accordance with the present invention. By triggering (i.e., opening) the valves 3, the various glue traces 7, 8, 9 can be applied to the tubular section (i.e., opened bag bottom) 40.

Figure 8 is a schematic plan view of a glued and folded bag bottom formed in accordance with the present invention. After the opened bag bottom 40 is provided with the glue traces 7, 8, 9, the side gussets 41 (see Figure 7) are folded onto the opened bag bottom 40. Then, the closed bag bottom 42 can be provided with a sheet 43. Before the sheet 43 is put onto the closed bag bottom 42, the sheet 43 is provided with glue.